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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

MCCANN, PAUL D.

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONSULAR ACCESS: PER POST FILES, MCCANN ARRESTED 4/4/75 IN VERACRUZ, CONOFF INFORMED 4/15/75 BY DEA AND CALLED HIM IN VERACRUZ 4/16/75. HE DID NOT REQUEST TO CALL EMBASSY AT TIME OF ARREST BUT DID ATTEMPT TO CALL ATTORNEY OR HOME, BOTH OF WHICH WERE REFUSED. HE STATED WAS NOT MISTREATED: QUOTE THEY HAVEN'T LAID A HAND ON ME. I HAVE BEEN THREATENED BUT THEY HAVE NOT CARRIED OUT ANY OF THEIR THREATS UNQUOTE. CONOFF VISITED 5/22/75 AT TIME OF FIRST SCHEDULED VISIT, AFTER ARREST. HE HAS BEEN SEEN FREQUENTLY SINCE THAT TIME DURING SCHEDULED VISITS.

2. POSSIBLE EXTORTION BY ATTORNEY: PER POST FILES, MCCANN ALLEGED 9/29/75 THAT HAD BEEN QUOTE TRICKED UNQUOTE OUT OF 4,000 DOLLARS BY ONE OF HIS ATTORNEYS, BUT NO DETAILS IN FILE. SAID PRESENT PUBLIC DEFENDER HAD DONE NOTHING FOR HIM. CONOFF WILL INQUIRE DURING NEXT VISIT IF HE HAS DOCUMENTATION AS CONTRACT, RECEIPTS, ETC. FROM LIC. DE LLAVE AND WILL ADVISE OF PROCEDURES IF WISHES TO INITIATE ACTION AGAINST HIM.

3. POSSIBLE INNOCENCE: PER POST FIELDS, MCCANN ARRESTED
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IN CONNECTION WITH AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED 3/31/75 WITH

APPROXIMATELY ONE TON OF MARIJUANA ABOARD. BOTH PILOT
AND COPILOT KILLED. MCCANN CLAIMED HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
OF INCIDENT 4/16/75 TO CONOFF DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSA-
TION AND ALLEGES ARRESTED IN HOTEL ROOM OF FRIEND. ON
9/29/75, HE TOLD CONOFF POLICE HAD NO EVIDENCE AND THAT HE
WAS ORIGINALLY DETAINED FOR PROBLEMS WITH PAYINGHOTEL
BILL. HE ALLEGED MEXICAN WHO WAS BEATEN BY POLICE SAID
THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. HE WAS
SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS 11/75. EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY
ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE NATUR OF EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM
BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. FURTHER ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE.
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